

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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MINUTES

1. Roll Call

OFFICERS

Lisa Bartlett | President
James Gore | 1st Vice President
Ed Valenzuela | 2nd Vice President
Virginia Bass | Immediate Past President

CSAC STAFF

Graham Knaus | Executive Director
Manuel Rivas, Jr. | Deputy Executive Director,
Operations & Member Services
Darby Kernan | Deputy Executive Director,
Legislative Services

ADVISORS

Bruce Goldstein, County Counsels Association,
Sonoma County
Carmel Angelo, California Association of County
Executives President, Mendocino County

Alameda	– Keith Carson	Orange	– Lisa Bartlett
Alpine	– Terry Woodrow	Placer	– Bonnie Gore
Amador	– Richard Forster	Plumas	– Absent
Butte	– Debra Lucero	Riverside	– Chuck Washington
Calaveras	– Merita Callaway	Sacramento	– Susan Peters
Colusa	– Denise Carter	San Benito	– Absent
Contra Costa	– Absent	San Bernardino	– Janice Rutherford
Del Norte	– Absent	San Diego	– Greg Cox
El Dorado	– John Hidahl	San Francisco	– N/A
Fresno	– Absent	San Joaquin	– Bob Elliott
Glenn	– Keith Corum	San Luis Obispo	– Bruce Gibson
Humboldt	– Estelle Fennell	San Mateo	– Carole Groom
Imperial	– Absent	Santa Barbara	– Das Williams
Inyo	– Jeff Griffiths	Santa Clara	– Susan Ellenberg
Kern	– Zack Scrivner	Santa Cruz	– Bruce McPherson
Kings	– Craig Pedersen	Shasta	– Leonard Moty
Lake	– Bruno Sabatier	Sierra	– Lee Adams
Lassen	– Chris Gallagher	Siskiyou	– Brandon Criss
Los Angeles	– Absent	Solano	– Erin Hannigan
Madera	– Absent	Sonoma	– David Rabbitt
Marin	– Damon Connolly	Stanislaus	– Vito Chiesa
Mariposa	– Miles Menetrey	Sutter	– Absent
Mendocino	– Carre Brown	Tehama	– Absent
Merced	– Lee Lor	Trinity	– Judy Morris
Modoc	– Patricia Cullins	Tulare	– Amy Shuklian
Mono	– John Peters	Tuolumne	– Absent
Monterey	– Luis Alejo	Ventura	– Kelly Long
Napa	– Absent	Yolo	– Jim Provenza
Nevada	– Ed Scofield	Yuba	– Gary Bradford

2. County Medical Services Program (CMSP)

Pat Blacklock, Yolo County CAO & CMSP Board Member, and Kari Brownstein, CMSP Administrative Officer, addressed the Board to discuss the benefits of CMSP. CMSP is similar to a health plan and currently serves 35 California counties. Ms. Brownstein explained the eligibility requirements and how the benefit program has changed since the passage of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). CMSP has received grants to assist counties in addressing the needs of various low-income populations with or at risk of COVID-19. Their board approved the offering of short-term bridge loans to CMSP-contracting Community Health Centers. They also offer a Healthcare Workforce Development Program and an Allied Healthcare Loan Repayment Program, in addition to several other grant programs.

3. Governor's May Revision

Keely Bosler, Director of the California Department of Finance, addressed the Board to discuss the Governor's May Revision. The COVID-19 pandemic has induced a recession in the United States and globally. Just a few months ago, we had record low unemployment, 118 months of consecutive job growth, a projected surplus and record reserves. This all put the state in a stronger position going into this recession as opposed to prior recessions. Their models predict that GDP will decrease by 26.5% and they do believe this recession will be worse than the Great Recession, specifically around unemployment. In February, California had 3.9% unemployment and in April, we saw a new record high of 15.5%. We expect that will further increase later this quarter. In comparison, during the Great Recession it took 38 months for unemployment to rise to its peak of 12.3%. They do, however, predict a faster recovery than during the Great Recession. This recession is having a disproportionate impact for lower-wage workers. The majority of the projected budget deficit is due to a drop in revenue; however they do also expect an increase in costs. The total projected revenue drop over a 3 year period is \$41.2 billion.

The Governor's general approach to the budget is to protect public education, health, safety and the people hit hardest by COVID-19. This revise includes canceling proposed expansions, tapping into reserves, borrowing from special state funds, the use of federal funds and reductions in core programs. The May Revision also includes \$100 million in small business loans and tax cuts to support small business. While the Governor's budget is balanced for 2021-22, operating deficits will remain through 2023-24.

4. COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis Update / Board Discussion

Graham Knaus, CSAC Executive Director, addressed the Board and discussed CSAC's updated priorities as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. With COVID-19, we are working on additional priorities that fit into two different categories 1) more direct in terms of response and recovery and 2) county fiscal stability. CSAC has been pursuing these additional priorities through coordination with our Officers, County Supervisors, policy committees, and county caucus and lobbyists. We have also been seeking additional opportunities for the CSAC Executive Committee and Board to engage with the administration. Last week CSAC began virtual lobbying days since our legislative conference was canceled. This additional layer of priorities has refocused what we do on behalf of counties.

5. Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2020 and April 9, 2020

A motion to approve the minutes from February 13, 2020 and April 9, 2020, was made by Supervisor Cox; second by Supervisor Forster. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval of CSAC IRS Form 990 – 2018 Tax Year

Supervisor Ed Scofield, CSAC Treasurer, addressed the board and explained that this form is required to be filed annually to insure organizations like CSAC prove their status as a tax exempt entity. The IRS recommends that the board review and approve the form as a good government action. CSAC has completed its income tax returns and has no tax liability for 2018.

A motion to approve CSAC IRS Form 990 – 2018 Tax Year, was made by Supervisor Moty; second by Supervisor Long. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consideration of the CSAC Budget and Salary Schedule for FY 2020-21

Supervisor Ed Scofield, CSAC Treasurer, thanked former CSAC Treasurer, CSAC 2nd Vice President Ed Valenzuela, for helping establish critical policies that result in CSAC having a good fiscal condition to continue protecting and advocating for all 58 counties. CSAC is well-positioned to continue supporting counties, address the COVID-19 crisis and protect counties interest during the economic downturn. Budget highlights include: no change in membership dues for the 7th consecutive year, \$4.5 million from the Finance Corporation and \$400k from the corporate associates program. This budget contributes \$250k to the capital improvement fund for the CSAC building. It also establishes and appropriation of 5% of revenues and \$496k as a contingent margin to help address needs or emergencies. The overall budget also reflects a 4.3% increase in projected expenditures for salaries and employee benefits, operational expenditures and cost increases related to event planning and support of the Foundation. Additionally, approval of the salary schedule is needed to comply with CalPERS requirements.

A motion to approve CSAC Budget and Salary Schedule for FY 2020-21, was made by Supervisor Peters; second by Supervisor Washington. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consideration of the CSAC 2022 Annual Conference

Manuel Rivas, Jr., Deputy Executive Director of Operations and Member Services, updated the Board on the potential changes to the CSAC 2020 Annual Conference as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have begun to work on contingency plans, including having a virtual conference or a Board retreat in person, with everyone else participating virtually. CSAC will be reaching out to membership with a survey regarding this event.

The Executive Committee approved the Disneyland Hotel as our venue for the 2022 Annual Meeting, however Board approval is also required. This venue complies with CSAC's Annual Meeting Policy.

A motion to approve CSAC 2022 Annual Conference was made by Supervisor Washington; second by Supervisor Long. Motion carried unanimously.

9. CSAC Policy Committee Reports

➤ Administration of Justice (AOJ)

Supervisor Leticia Perez, Chair of the AOJ Policy Committee, and Josh Gauger, Legislative Representative, reported to the Board on the topics discussed in their recent policy committee meeting. These included parole reforms, realignment of DJJ and COVID-19 impact in the public safety space.

➤ **Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources (AE&R)**

Supervisor Vito Chiesa, Chair of the AE&R Policy Committee, reported to the Board on the topics discussed in their recent policy committee meeting. These included updates on the budget, cap and trade allocations, safe drinking water, local air pollution, fire prevention, county fairs and cannabis permitting programs.

➤ **Government Finance & Administration (GF&A)**

Supervisor Bruce Gibson, Chair of the GF&A Policy Committee, reported to the Board on the topics discussed in their recent policy committee meeting. These included updates on the budget, 1991 and 2011 realignment, the dramatic decline in sales tax and the delay in receiving it, funding for the November election and the distribution of the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

➤ **Health & Human Services (HHS)**

Supervisor Jeff Griffiths, Chair of the HHS Policy Committee, reported to the Board on the topics discussed in their recent policy committee meeting. These included updates on the state COVID-19 HHS response and recovery, CSAC's federal advocacy efforts and the May revision.

➤ **Housing, Land Use & Transportation (HLT)**

Supervisor Denise Carter, Chair of the HLT Policy Committee, reported to the Board on the topics discussed in their recent policy committee meeting. These included an overview of the impacts of COVID-19 on transportation, estimated revenue reductions in the current and budget year and CSAC's approach to advocacy on the Senate's housing bill package.

10. CSAC Legislative Update

Darby Kernan, Deputy Executive Director of Legislative Affairs, updated the Board on homelessness funding. The administration has proposed \$600 million in CARES funding to go out to local governments for homelessness. They're looking at a competitive process so that those dollars can be used to purchase properties locally. The Senate added another \$250 million in general fund to the proposal so local governments can use it.

11. CSAC Finance Corporation Report

Supervisor Leonard Moty, Finance Corporation President, reported that the Finance Corporation took a conservative approach going into the coming year and that revenue projections are still on track. One of their biggest contributors, CSCDA, has continued to perform very well because they are well diversified. Alan Fernandes, Finance Corporation Executive Vice President, presented two new business programs to the Board: 1) Procure America – who provides cost reduction services, and 2) Optum – who offers health and wellness programs.

The meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Directors meeting will be on September 3rd, 2020.